CHAPTER VII.-(Continued.) suddenly received its "baptism" of Branscombe. mystery and romance; and with it another initiation-that supreme revelation which comes but once in a man's life, and having come, leaves its mark | flesh, and not a spirit, as in my first upon it forever-the revelation of

the yellow envelope, and read-"Molton Junction-No Gladstone

bag left here, or inquired for to-day." Then Miss Branscombe had not discovered her mistake. Moreover, her destination was some point beyond stole over the pale cheeks as she held butter from west England, Normandy Molton, or she would certainly have out her hand to me, but she did not and Brittany. Then the butter of had time to detect the change of bag- speak, and sank back again amongst northern Denmark follows and Austra-

I sent a message to Miss Elmslie at Forest Lea, announcing my return upon me with kindly hospitality, and that night and requesting that if convenient a carriage might meet me at whilst I listened and ate as in the station, and then 1 prepared to dream. get through as best I might the hours of supense which lay before me.

express neared Molton Junction, I was till dinner time, and then came on the platform almost as soon as the the shock of the rector's summons. train stopped. The station was un- Dear, dear-to think that Mrs. Heathusually quiet, and the platform clear cote should follow the dear Colone! from one end to the other; there was so soon!" She glanced at Nona, and no sign of the slight, graceful figure | changed the subject. "Had you a for which I sought eagerly. I did not pleasant journey, Mr. Fort?" give up hope until the last moment. After a hurried inquiry at the cloak room I lingered by the carriage door until the train was absolutely in motion, and then resumed my seat with a blank chill of disappointment. Miss Branscombe was evidently not return-

ing to Forest Lea that night. The loss of the will-serious as such a loss would be to me both personally and professionally-occupied no place in my mind as I traveled on toward Forest Lea. I believe I had entirely forgotten the lesser misfortune in what seemed to me the greater-the disappearance of Miss Branscombe from her again." home. That she was the victim of some deeply laid plot on the part of tor's precautions had been taken too Possibly had I spoken of last left her own in its place." evening's discovery Miss Branscombe's

the fire, which the chilly evening ren-My hitherto matter-of-fact life had dered comfortable, I beheld Nona "Venezia" in large letters on it,

Yes, it was Nona Branscombe in the utter bewilderment I had half imagined. She was wrapped in a light "Your message, sir," said the tele- fleecy shawl; her face was pale as high-price butter want it sweet and graph clerk at my clow. I tore open death, and her whole attitude full of fresh, and this is possible only when no more, and had given up the strug-I fancied that a faint wave of color her cushions.

Miss Elmslie pressed food and drink

"It has been a long day," Miss Elmlie said, "and there has been so much My heart best faster as the evening to do. I made Nona keep her room un-

"Yes." I answered, rousing myself with an effort, "it was very pleasing up to a certain point. Then a little adventure befell me." I had my eyes part of the communications between fixed upon Miss Branscombe as I spoke; there was no change in her attitude, no interest in her still weary face. "An adventure?" exclaimed Miss

Elmslie. "What was it?" I determined to make a hold stroke. "I lost my bag," I replied, watching the motionless figure in the arm chair.

"Lost your hag!" echoed Miss Elms-

lady"-still no sign from Nona-"who "But the railway officials-the-the

"No I have not found it up to this



alert and this evenlng's escapade would have been prevented. A girl, inexperienced, innocent, confidingas, in spite of all, I could swear Nona was-might have been drawn into any step, however extreme-even into a "I think I have traced the lady." hasty and secret marriage by the fascinating and clever spendthrift to whom she had given her girlish affection, believing him to be unjustly disinherited-in her own favor.

Only a few hours had clapsed since her flight, however. Was it too late to save her? Hardly. There could be no marriage before the morning, if so soon. I would go at once to the rector and give him the ciue I held. It was just possible-a dozen things were possible.

The cool night wind blowing upon my heated brow, as I sat once more behind the splendid chestnut, seemed to let light and air together in on the subject and to lift me out of the trough into which I had sunk. Hope came to my heart. I was impatient to confer with the rector. No, it was certainly not too late, I decided. The rectory was close to the gates

of the Lea. I directed my Jehu to stop there first. "I have to see the rector," I explained. "They have not gone to bed.

1 see lights!" "The rector, sir?" said the man, pulling up, however. "Mr. Heathcote

went to Howmere just as I started to fetch you. He was sent for, and he'l not be back yet, even if he comes tonight. It's a good ten mile to How-

"Sent for!"-then it was all right. breathed a devout thanksgiving. Her guardian had followed Nona-she was

The man's next words demolished this hope. "It's his mother sir. From what can Lear, she's dying. She was a very old lady, and she's been bad this

six months or more. She was took worse tonight." I groaned inwardly. Then the rector's help was lost at this critical june ture. It was a fatality; I must tell

my story to Miss Elmslie, and that without a moment's loss of time. From her I might gain the information nec essary to put me on the track of the misguided girl.

the little morning room devoted to her use and Miss Branscombe's; there was no sign of agliation or anxiety in her ner-nothing but cordiality and untisfaction at my appearance, "So good of you, Mr. Fort, to come

tack so soon!" she exclaimed. "And how tired you must be after your two journeyst I am glad you were able to return to us at once. We need your elp more than ever, for we have had another shock tonight. The poor dear rector has been called away to-I fear mother's death bed. Ab, the world is full of sorrowful things! But come in, Mr. Fort"-as I stood rooted to the threshold. "Come in to the What-what is the matter?"

stared with dropped jaw and wonder- large light gray dust clonk and the stricken eyes for in an orm chair by reliow paper-covered volume left be-

always confused and helpless in emergencies-"they can get it back for you. Have you made inquiries?" "Yes." I answered, steadily, "I have made inquiries, and"-with emphasis-Miss Branscombe lifted her hand a this moment and leaned her cheek upon it, chading her face from my

view. My shot had told at last, "You have traced her?" said Miss Elmslie, "Ah, then it will be all right!" "Yes, I hope it will be all right," ] cehoed. "How very awkward," said Miss

Elmslie, "for the lady as well as for you! Dear me, Mr. Fort, I hope you will soon get back your own property Can we send to the station in the morning? Or is there now anything you want for tonight. Austin can attend to it if you will ask him." "Thank you," I replied, "the bag con

tanied nothing but papers." "Papers!" exclaimed Miss Elmslie Then you must be very anxious, Mr Fort. Do let us send-or had you not hetter go yourself?"

"Thank you." I responded; a have no doubt I shall recover everythingin the morning." "How cool you are!" said Miss Elms

lie. "I should be in a fever." "I think I will go to bed now," said Miss Branscombe, rising languidly from her chair.

"I will come up stairs with you, said Miss Elmslie, starting up and taking NoLa's arm in her own, "I shall not say good-night, Mr. Fort; you have not finished your supper. Please don't hurry-I am coming back."

Miss Branscombe bowed and held out a timp, nerveless hand as I opened the door for her exit. She shivered just a little, too, and drew her shawl more closely about her, but there was nel ther guilt nor confusion-only wearl met mine for an instant. Then the two ladies crossed the hall and mounted the wide shallow stairs.

Miss Elmslie came down presently. "Poor child," she said, "she is abso lutely worn out! She has cried th whole day. I hope she will sleep now that is the best restorer. She has had no sleep yet."

My first glance on gaining my bed room was toward the Gladstone bag which stood beside my portmanteau. Nona had probably taken the opportunity of making the exchange quietly in my absence—she had shown her-self a person of resources, and I had you said you were unworthy of me? little doubt that this would be her line of action. It would involve a explanation of awkwardness. I lifted the bag almost with a smile—the adbottom was atill the balf-effaced lave "liotel -gia, Venezia." Miss Brans combe then had in some way falled to be equal to the occasion; possibly abtoo "worn-out" to attempt the transfer

What, indeed? No wonder that I amongst my own possessions lay the target with dropped jaw and wonder-

fed by my traveling companion; there We the penciled words, "Nons Branscombe"—tangible evidence that he day's adventure had been no ilusion or case of mistaken identity, as was half tempted at times to believe. fell naleen, after much troubled tossing, and dreamt of Nona Branscombe at the Colonel's funeral, wrapped in her gray dust cloak, and carrying in her hand my Gladstone bag, with (To be continued.)

INTERESTING-ITEMS.

Great Britain pays \$90,000,000 annually to America and the English colonies for butter. The people who buy listless weariness. She looked like the cows are eating spring grass. As one who had wept until she could weep it is not always spring in England it stands to reason that butter has to be gle with grief out of sheer exhaustion. brought from those places where spring is. First the Londoner gets his lian butter comes next-English winter

is Australian spring, In a recent lecture by Dr. Charles B. talked in her purling cheery way, Dudley, chief chemist of a certain railroad, it is shown how the costs of the distinctively little things mount up in the offices of a large rallway system. For instance, he shows that it costs the railroad each year about \$1,000 for pins, \$5,000 for rubber bands, \$5,000 for ink, \$7,000 for lead pencils, etc. The fact that it costs nearly as much for stationery with which to carry on the business as it does for iron, as Dr. Dudley asserts, is indeed startling. Some roads have realized the extent of waste in such directions and have, among their various officials shall be written on pads of manila paper instead of on regular letter heads.

There is no one from John O'Broat's to Land's End, England, who bestows more of his means to philanthropic causes than Lord Overtoun, to whom his father, James White, left a fortune closely approaching \$10,000,000. Seventy-odd years ago the father of Lord tie. "Dear me-I hope you found it Overtoun and his brother John took possession of an old soap and soda works near Rutherglen and converted time," I answered. "I believe it was it into a factory for the production of her cousin I never doubted; the rec- exchanged by a fellow passenger-a bichloride of potash. It is related of the founder of the business that he was wont to stand inside the gate of his works at night and if he found any particles of chrome-a chemical for which he received 20 cents a pound in those days-adhering to boots or clothes he would stop the man with the remark: "Hey, man! gang back and daud your shin. Div ye no see ye're cairryin' awa' siller when ye cairry crum on yer bitts?" John Campbell White, the present owner of the chemical works at Ruthergien, was created first Baron Overtoun in 1893, taking the title from his estate in Dumbartonshire. He was born in 1843 and was educated at Glasgow university. He is certainly one of the busiest men in the country, and besides being a deputy lieutenant and convener for Dumbartonshire, is president of innumerable religious and philanthropic societies.

LOUIS PHILIPPE.

His Diplomatic Subtlety Amounted to Hypoerisy-Always Acting. Louis Philippe was an arbitrary monarch masquerading as a liberal, a conservative disguised as a progresslonist, says Baron de Courbetin in the Fortnightly Review. But his diplomatic subtlety was great, also his good He instantly comprehended that to interpose his person in the way of these little exhibitions of popular feeling would be to run a good chance of being very quickly knocked down. He preferred to leave the task of restoring order to other hands. He pathetically called Lafayette his "protector," and Lafftte his "best friend." guardians would have been on the telegraph," said Miss Elmslie, who was He walked about the streets of Paris, stopping to shake hands conspicuously with workmen and conversing affably with them. He hummed the "Marseillaise" on the balcony of his palace. He refrained from showing his face in church and hardiv dared to be present at mass in his private chapel, When the crowd insisted on rubbing out the fleur-de-lis from his coat-ofarms on his private carriage he as lowed them to do so. He flattered the bourgeois whom he admitted to his audiences by showing himself well posted in the statistics of their commerce, and even in the ministerial council he made a point of calling Thiers "my dear Adolphe," to show what a thoroughly good fellow he was. Caricatures (which were frequently indecent) and low fests ridiculing his person had no effect on his persevering efforts. But when Lafayette's fleeting popularity had waned and Lafitte's incapacity became obvious he called to the ministry Casimir-Perier, whom he knew to be the one man who was determined on vigorous resistance to revolt; in spite of the curious personal antipathy he felt for him he kept him a whole year, and would no doubt have kept him longer but that Casimir-Perier died under the very risky operation. Harte and "Little Breeches."

From the San Francisco Argonaut: Bret Harte is so frequently complimented as the author of "Little Breeches" that he is almost as sorry it was ever written as is Col. John Hay, who would prefer his fame to rest on more ambitious work. A gushing lady, who prided herself upon her literary tastes, said to him once: dear Mr. Harte, I am so delighted to meet you. I have read everything you ness and sorrow-in the eyes which ever wrote, but of all your dialect verse there is none that compares to your 'Little Breeches.'" "I quite agree with you, madam," said Mr. Harte, "but you have put the little breeches on the wrong man."

One Exception. He-To hear you tell it, one would think I never told a single truth before we were married. She-Well, you did prevaricate to a considerable extent, but I'll give you credit for having told me the truth once. He-And when was that, pray? She-When you proposed. Don't you remember

"Count, why did you marry that pale, thin girl, when you might have had her

plump, rosy-cheeked sister?" I tell you. I was sinking of-what call him-sees probairb: 'Of two eyils hoose ze least.' And now her fazaire has failed! Ah, mon Dieu! Zoos provfake!"-Chicago Times-Herald.

"We used to think men had to climb to fame." "Don't they?" "No. Hob-

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

Variety of Jokes, Gibes and Ironies Original and Selected-Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor-Witty Sayings.

A June Proposal. She wore a red rose in her golden bair-

My queen of all the world-so sweetso fair; Full tenderly my offered heart she

Then told me calmly that she couldn't

An Extra Ingredient. "No," he said reflectively, "this isn't ike mother's pie." "And why not?" she waspishly sked.

"Because," he mildly explained

took.

cook.

'mother's ple always had ants in it."



She-"What is the attraction that draws you to church?"

He-"The belles." The Educated Thief.

"The testimony is against you," said the police justice, "is clear and conclusive. You spend your time comnitting petty thefts."

"Yes, your honor," responded the orisoner, venturing to wink at the court, "I am an embodied protest against the existing condition of hings. I am a round robbin, your honor.

But his honor was equal to the mergency. "For the next 60 days, anyhow," he said, frowning at the prisoner, "you

iail bird. Call the next case! One Woman's Wisdom He had proposed to the idol of his

won't be around robbin'. You'll be a

heart, but things had failed to come his way. "Do you know," he said, as he eaving her presence forever, "that you

are wringing my heart from my posom ?" "Possibly," she answered, coldly, 'but it's either that or marry you and wring the bosoms from your shirts in

after years." Seeing that the case was hopeless the party of the first part lit a cigarette and wandered hence into the hither.

He Knew What Was Wanted. "You understand the necessity for making this report as favorable as pos-

sible?" "Of course we don't want any downright lying about it. You understand bat. But we want it-well, as cati-

mistic as it can be made." "I know exactly what you want, I used to be a census enumerator up in Chicago."

Serious Mistake. "The worst enemy I ever made," said the statesman, "was the man I got a government job a few years ago.

"What ingratitude!" "No, it was downright anger. There was a good salary attached, but he had to work.

Her Predominating Trait, "She married an old man worth \$4,-000,000, and who isn't expected to live year. 'I'm not surprised. She's always

been a most successful bargain

hunter.' His Defense Flagler-I saw the agent for the Soclety for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals coming out of your house this morning. What's the matter?

Nagdby-Yes; I had him drop in to warn my mother-in-law. Caught the Car.
"Is Mr. Goodheart still paying attention to your daughter?" "He isn't paying her any attention

at all." "Indeed! Did she jilt him?" 'No; he married her."



ch? Well, did you get it?

Pilson-Are you going to take part n that guesning contest? Dilson-Oh, no; they'd as a professional.
Pilson—Professional? Dilson-Yes; you know I am con

Werried by Triffen, "file's one of those girls who werry for triffen," over triffen."
"What's the triffe that's worrying

OUR BUDGET OF FUN. NO REMEDY EQUALS PERUNA

SO THE WOMEN ALL SAY Miss Susan Wymar, teacher in the ichmond school, Chicago, Ill., writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman regarding Pe-ru-na. She says: "Only those who have suffered as I have can know what a blessing it is to be able to



Miss Susan Wymai find relief in Pe-ru-na. This has been my experience. A friend in need is a friend indeed, and every bottle of Peru-na I ever bought proved a good friend to me,"-Susan Wymar, Mrs. Margaretha Dauben, 1214 North Superior St., Racine City, Wis., writes: "I feel so well and good and nappy now that pen cannot describe it. Pe-ru-na is everything to me. I have taken several bottles of Pe-ru-na for has no equal in all of the irregularities and emergencies peculiar to women caused by pelvic catarrh, Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O., for a free book for women only.

Remember that cholera morbus, choiera infantum, summer complaint, billous colle, diarrhoea and dysentery are each and all catarrh of the bowels. Catarrh is the only correct name for these affections. Pe-ru-na is an absolute specific for these ailments, which are so common in summer. Dr. Hartman in a practice of over forty years, never lost a single case of cholera infantum, dysentary, diarrhoea, or cholera morbus, and his only remedy was Pe-ru-na. Those desiring fur-ther particulars should send for a free copy of "Summer Catarrh." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.

Modern Wars of Brief Durations. The war between Spain and the United States was ended on Aug. 12, having run a course of less than four months. All recent wars in which important members of the world's family of nations have been pitted against each other have been of a short and decisive character. Last year's war between Turkey and Greece began April 17 and was terminated by a truce | springs region of Virginia to Staunton. preliminary to a final peace treaty at the end of four and a half weeks. The war between Japan and China began on July 25, 1894, and was ended by the utter defeat of China after eight months. The great war of Russia against Turkey which began April slan army lying just outside of Constantinople nine months later. The Franco-Prussian war, which began with no stop-over privilege; second, July 23, 1870, found the Prussians going and coming same route, with making peace at Versailles on Jan. 28, 1871, Birmarck's war of 1866, in which Prussia made an attack against Aus-

tria, lasted only seven weeks. Dewey Bought a Tici et. When Commodore Dewey left Washngton in November, 1897, to take comthe B. and O., Chicago and North-Western, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific lines. Lieut. Brumby accompanied the admiral and they departed on November 27. Some time ago, Manager of Passenger Traffic D. B. Martin of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, set out to collect the coupons of the of them. He has had the ticket, con- Niagara Falls and Thousand Islands. taining Dewey's signature, lithograph-

venirs. Bishop's Witty Retort The bishop was very fond of a cigar, but the archdencon detested smoking. and denounced it as uncierical. Perhaps modern taste may consider a cigar and a shovel hat, or a yard of clay and a silk apron, rather incongruous. Anyhow, the bishop usually retired to a secluded part of the Episcopal garden to enjoy his weed. Here he was detected one day by the vigilant archdeacon, who surveying him from the terrace above, exclaimed: Ah, bishop, so I have caught you burning incense to the devil!" bishop expelled a great whiff of blue smoke and exclaimed in his deep. resonant voice: "But I didn't know

he was so near!" \$100 Reward, 5100. learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and diving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. lress F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Hall's Famil tils are the bent.

Adulterated Food in France. an article of food that he has purchased but his hand in the urn. from a Parisian tradesman may take it to the municipal laboratory for analysis. It will cost him nothing to have whether it is unadulterated or adulterated, and, if the latter, the law deals with the offender without further acshopkeeper is deprived of the few civil rights he is supposed to be otherwise entitled to, and has to display conspic uously in his show window or on his door for a year, a large placard bearing the words "Convicted of Adulteration."

A Brighton girl, when asked how beef ten was made, answered: "Buy a pot of beef extract and follow the directle 's on the lid;" and a second gave "Cayenne pepper and Jamaica ginger" in reply to "What are warmthproducing foods?" But it was a boy, who was asked what celerity was, and who, from his own personal experience, defined it as "something to put hot

Moving Out of the West Indies. The most important duty under the rotocol of peace, next to directing a are much more extensive than the tin ssation of hostilities, was the ap- fields is a fact which might strike the

pointment of commissioners to ar-range and execute the details of the feeling of surprise. The tin fields evacuation of the Spanish islands in which are known to exist cover an area the West Indies. President McKinley of less than 15,000 square miles, while was the first to make appointments, the gold fields are something over 1,and he selected for the Cuban commis- 500,000 square mi'es. Therefore there sion Major-General James F. Wade, are 133 square miles of gold-bearing Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson, and regions for every single mile of ground Major-General Matthew C. Butler, and where tin is known to exist. The imfor the Porto Rico commission, Major-General John R. Brooke, Rear-Ad-acarcely appreciated by those who have miral Schiey, and Brigadier-General never made the subject a study. North William W. Gordon, The protocol says America has no tin mines, South the islands shall be immediately evac- America but one, Asia has two, Peru uated; also that the commissioners and Bolivia contribute 4,000 tons a shall meet within thirty days from the year, and Australia mines about 6,000 date of signature to arrange and exe-cute the details. In the case of Cuba tically familiar with what is called this will be a slow proceeding, but tinware, very few of us appreciate the any necessary delay will be an ad- fact that pure tin plays a very small vantage to the United States in post- part in the manufacture of these arponing to a more propitious season of ticles. the year its permanent army of occu-within the past few years, deteriorated pation. It may not be possible to ful-with amazing rapidity, all of which is ly complete the evacuation of Cuba and attributed to the limited supply and adjoining islands before Thanksgiving great value of tin.

The Driver Thawed.

ago when he was making a trip on a days will be sufficient to travel around pioneer stage. All one-half the first the globe. Russia has developed a day he sat beside the driver and en- | giant colonization scheme, for the new deavored to engage him in conversa- regions opened up. It involves the female complaint. I am in the change tion. The driver was not to be entransportation of a million persons, of life and it does me good." Pe-ru-na gaged. He was not exactly surly, but two hundred thousand families, to the he evidently didn't care to be talked various localities selected. To each to. The stage stopped for dinner at a family there will be assigned fifty little eating house, and when it rolled away again the driver seemed like another man. He talked, he told stories, he was the soul of affability. Later he explained the matter to the teacher. "I didn't take a shine to you nohow this morning," he said. "I thought you was one of these psalm-singing gospel fellows, and I ain't got no use for that kind. But when I seen you setting there and a-eating pie with a fork I changed my mind. I knowed right away you was a gambler."-New York Tribune.

The Battlefield Route.

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mand of the fleet in the Pacific ocean, he did not ride on a pass or a half rate ticket. Being a personal friend of S. B. Hege, General Agent of the Baltimore & Ohlo passenger department in Washington, the n w department in Washington, the n w department in Washington and the fleet in the Pacific ocean, he did not ride on a pass or a half the Season.

On August 14th the Clover Leaf route will run an excursion to Put-in-Bay under the anspices of the Epworth in Washington, the n w department in Washington the n w department. in Washington, the n.w famous sea League. A special train will be profighter, bought two first-class tickets vided, consisting of sleepers, chair ears from Washington to San Francisco via and coaches. Tickets will be good for and Fever is a bottle of Gaove's Tastraless return until August 28th. The rate will be only \$19,50 for the round trip including breakfast at Toledo, and one week's board at Hotel Victory, Put-inwill be \$9.00 for the round trip. A coolies. number of attractive side trips ticket and only recently secured all also been arranged, taking in Buffalo,

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Honest Advice. The Rev. Mr. Perkins, being called

upon suddenly to address a Sunday school, thought he would get a few original ideas from his young hearers. "Children" said he "I want some of you to tell me what I shall talk to you about tonight. What shall I say?" At first there was no response. bright little fellow over there," said he, pointing to a youngster on a back seat: "What shall I say to you tonight?" In a little, piping voice came the answer: "Say amen and sit down."

Oklahoma Offers splendid inducements to homeseekers. The Frisco Line reaches the most important localities in the terri-The readers of this paper will be pleased to most important localities in the terrisorn that there is at least one dreaded disease tory, and takes you through to Oklahoma City without change of cars. It is the shortest and most desirable route. Write for descriptive literature to Bryan Snyder, G. P. A. St. Louis, Mo

France's Military Dwarf. The smallest soldier in France is Louis Bernadot, of Luret, who is only two feet four inches in height. He is a dwarf, with a slight mustache. When he presented himself to draw his num-ber out of the conscription urn, it was discovered that his head did not reach discovered that his head did not reach France certainly knows how to pro- to the top of the table on which the ect the lesser rights of her people, urn was placed, so a gendarm held Any one who doubts the genuineness of him up by the collar to enable him to

Georgia Marbio. A Georgia marble man says that if it analyzed and the fact determined States, but on the American continent, all the houses, not only in the United were destroyed, so inexhaustible is the supply that they could, every one, tion on the part of the purchaser. The large and small, be rebuilt out of

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Oulds and Her Dogs. Near her home, in Florence, Oulda has a dog's cemotery, wherein each dead dog has an appropriate tombetone on which are inscribed its name and age, together with the peculiarly good qualities wh th endeared it to its mis-

That the gold fields of the world The quality of tinware has,

The Trans-Siberian Railroad.

A delegate from the far west to a It is announced that this railroad recent educational convention told an will be opened to the public in 1904. incident that happened some years When completed, a period of thirty acres of land, with tools, seed and the requirements for cultivation. The government will see them safely through the first year.

Rival for Louise. Princess Louise of England has a rival in sculpture in the Duchesse d'Uzes, Sculpture is an art which women rarely attempt to practice. It needs physical endurance as well as talent and is, perhaps, the most virile of all the arts, but Princess Louise and the Duchesse d'Uzes have produced works at which no one could level the The veterans of '61 and '65 and taunt of "feminine." The duchesse is the thirty-third G. A. R. annual en- gree (at present she is rushing through France on a motor-cai), uncannily clever and gentle, and charming as

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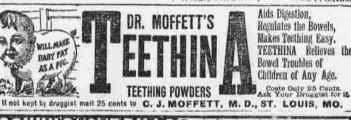
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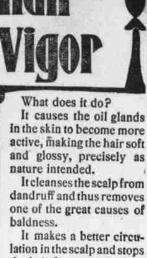
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